

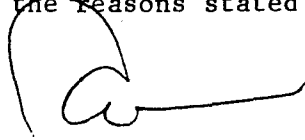
DEFENSE ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION PROGRAM  
FOR FORMERLY USED SITES  
FINDING AND DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY  
SEATTLE AREA DISPOSAL CENTER  
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON  
PROJECT NO. F10WA041500

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Seattle Area Disposal Center is located in the city of Seattle.
2. The Disposal Center consisted of 4.88 acres. A permit for 1.62 acres was granted by the city of Seattle in 1945, for barrel storage, as part of the Seattle General Depot under the jurisdiction of the Quartermaster General. An exclusive lease for 3.26 acres was acquired from the Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation Company, and the Union Pacific Railroad Company in 1946, for expansion of open storage (barrels). Effective 1 July 1947, the property was placed under the control of the Chief of Engineers. Effective 1 July 1953, the property was placed under the control of Headquarters Sixth U.S. Army and jurisdiction of the Commanding Officer, Fort Lawton, as part of the newly designated Seattle Area Disposal Center.
3. The property was used for barrel storage between 1945 and 1947. While it is assumed that the barrels were for fuel, it is not known if they were full or empty, or the numbers stored at the facility. During the period 1947 to 1959, the Seattle Disposal Center stored and excessed material from various Army installations throughout the State of Washington. No permanent structures were constructed on site during the period of DOD control.
4. Effective 1 August 1959, the permit from the city of Seattle was terminated. The USA was released of any liability arising out of its use of the property by release instrument signed for the city on 17 August 1959 by the City Engineer. The lease for the 3.26 acres was terminated effective 31 July 1959. The property disposal function was transferred to the Auburn Depot Activity, Auburn, Washington.
5. The site is currently developed as part of the Union Pacific Railroad switching yard. The railroad has constructed two large, metal shop buildings, several small storage sheds, and new lines of track on the property. This construction occurred between 1975 and 1979. There is no evidence of unsafe structures or debris, hazardous or toxic waste, or unexploded ordnance resulting from DOD use of the site.

DETERMINATION

Based on the foregoing findings of fact, the site has been determined to have been formerly used by the DOD. However, there is no evidence of unsafe conditions resulting from DOD use of the site. Therefore, it is determined that an environmental restoration project is not an appropriate undertaking within the purview of the Defense Environmental Restoration Program, established under 10 USC 2701 et seq., for the reasons stated above.

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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

January 22, 1990

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SUBJECT: Seattle Area Disposal Center  
PN: F10WA041500

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402 South Dawson  
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Dear Mr. Freeman:

This letter is to notify you that the Seattle Area Disposal Center has been determined to be ineligible for restoration under the Defense Environmental Restoration Program for formerly-used sites. Our review indicated that this site does not contain any remnants from the Department of Defense use which would qualify for cleanup or restoration under the Defense Environmental Restoration Program.

The above determination is based on the 1984 Defense Authorization Act, the 1986 Superfund Amendment and Reauthorization Act, and other legislation authorizing the cleanup of unsafe debris and hazardous waste on lands which have been formerly-owned or used by the Department of Defense. The Defense Environmental Restoration Program was established to implement the cleanup and is being administered by the Office of the Secretary of Defense. Under the auspices of this program, the Seattle District Corps of Engineers is examining sites in Washington which are believed to have been formerly owned or used by the Department of Defense. Based on current legislation, a site visit, information from you as the landowner, and the public record, the abovementioned formal determination was made regarding the eligibility of the site for cleanup.

Should you have any questions regarding this decision, please contact Mr. Jonathan A. Maas of the Seattle District Hazardous Waste Section staff at (206) 764-6745.

Sincerely,

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Brigadier General, U.S. Army  
Division Engineer